BCCL Dues on Gujarat and Punjab Electricity Boards

†4827. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. is not supplying coal to the Electricity Boards of Gujarat and Punjab;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether these boards are to pay the outstanding amount to BCCL; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) No coal linkage (allocaiton) is made to thermal power stations of Gujarat Electricity Board (GEB) from BCCL and as such there is no quesiton of non-supply of coal from BCCL to GEB. The details of supply of coal vis-a-vis linkage to Thermal Power Stations of Punjab State Electricity Board (PSEB) for the last two years are given below:—

Fig. (in '000' Tonnes)

Sl. No.	Name of TPS		1998-99	1999-2000('x')
1.	Bhatinda	Linkage	380	630
		Receipt	573	791
2.	Lehra Mohabhat	Linkage	NIL	720
		Receipt	—	688
3.	Ropar	Linkage	1350	1875
		Receipt	1903	2169
	Total	Linkage	1730	3225
		Receipt	2476	3648

(c) and (d) Since there is no coal linkage or supply of coal from BCCL to GEB there are no dues of BCCL payable by GEB. As per information available with CEA, the outstanding dues payable by PSEB as on 31-3- 2000 of BCCL is Rs. 35.57 crores and the reasons for pending dues is excess supply of coal than linkages during 1997-98 to 1999-2000.

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